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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000  
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,300,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-  
PRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent, per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months, 2 per cent, per annum.

6 " 4 per cent.

12 " 5 per cent.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, grants, on London, and the chief mercantile ports in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,  
Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, May 20, 1889. 363

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on weekdays, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time, will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more of their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent, per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 5% per cent, per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked On Hongkong Savings Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the  
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking  
Corporation,  
G. E. NOBLE,  
Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 784

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

I SHALL NOT BE ABLE to MOVE into my NEW OFFICES until the end of the Month.

ARTHUR B. RODYK,  
Victor Building,  
Hongkong, June 14, 1889. 1157

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 29th Instant, both days inclusive.

F. W. CROSS,  
Manager,  
Hongkong, June 14, 1889. 1158

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG,  
No. 1168.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FEN-  
MASON'S HALL, Zeeland Street, on MON-  
DAY NEXT, the 17th Inst., at 8.30 for 9  
p.m., precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are  
cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, June 12, 1889. 1143

The Share List will close on or before the 18th Inst., at 4 p.m.

THE SHAMEEN HOTEL AND LAND COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL.....\$100,000  
IN 500 SHARES of \$20 EACH.

First ISSUE of 2,500 SHARES PAYABLE \$1  
ON APPLICATION, \$4 of ALLOTMENT,  
THE REMAINDES AS REQUIRED.

THE Company invites Applications for the above, the Allotment on which will be left to Directors chosen by the present Subscribers from applicants applying for \$1,000 or upwards of the Share Capital.

Full Prospectus and Forms of Application for Shares may be had from the Bankers, THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA, or from the TEMPORARY OFFICES of the Company; Victoria Buildings, Hongkong.

13th June, 1889. 1150

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SCRIP

for 35 SHARES in the HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED, Numbered 2740/2750 and registered in the Name of Mr. SZE SIN HOWCO in MISSING, and that unless the said SCRIP be produced and Proof of Ownership lodged with the Undersigned, by the 8th July, 1889, NEW SCRIP will be ISSUED for the said SHARES.

RUSSELL & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, June 7, 1889. 1103

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 30th Instant, both days inclusive.

T. H. TALBOT,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, June 4, 1889. 1084

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS Company having PURCHASED the MILLS for the HONGKONG SAW MILLS CO. (Ltd.), Bowring, proposed to Construct for the Supply of Borneo and other Traders, a Mill of any size or size, to any dimensions, at short notice. The Company are also prepared to undertake GENERAL AGENT Business at any of its Branches in Borneo.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,  
Agents in Hongkong.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 13

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's BOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the HEAD OFFICE No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, August 25, 1888. 1468

NOTICE.

MAPPIN & WEBB,  
SHEFFIELD & LONDON,  
Silversmiths and Cutlers to H. M. the Queen,  
etc., etc., etc.

BEG to announce that they have for-  
warded by their representative,

M. R. W. S. MARSHALL,

A Choice and Varied Selection of CUT-  
LERY, SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATED  
WARE,  
DRESSING CASES, FANCY GOODS,  
etc., etc.

EMBRACING all NOVELTIES of every-  
description of their well-known Manufacture,  
EXHIBITION AND SALE,  
AT  
3, DUDDELL STREET,  
GROSSES FLOOR.

For a FEW DAYS ONLY, commencing  
WEDNESDAY, June 5th, 1889.

Prices range as in London. Dollars  
taken at Three Shillings.  
Catalogues ready on application.

Hongkong, June 3, 1889. 1077

NOTICE.

H. A. J. SAMPSON have commenced  
Business as CIVIL ENGINEERS,  
ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS, LAND and ESTATE  
AGENTS, and GENERAL BROKERS, and re-  
spectfully solicit the support of the Hong-  
kong public. Plans, Estimates, Drawings,  
etc., promptly supplied, and all Commis-  
sions will receive due attention.

OFFICES—Queen's Road Central,  
(Opposite Lee House Street);  
Hongkong, June 5, 1889. 1092

WANTED.

HONG MANILA—A Good NURSE or  
NURSEY-GOVERNESS. Apply  
to the Terms required and References, to  
A. S. Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, May 20, 1889. 823

SAILOR'S HOME.

NY. Cast of Oldman's Books, or  
A. P. Papers will be thankfully received  
at the Seller's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 20, 1889.

THE CHINA MAIL.

MAILED every Saturday.

Price 10c per copy.

TERMS OF PAYMENT.

10c per copy.

## Notices to Consignees.

GLEN LINE OF STEAMERS.  
FROM LOND N, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. Glenure, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 18th instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 26th instant, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 11, 1889. 1125

FROM PASOEROCAN, SOURABAYA,  
SAMARANG, BATAVIA AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Gozoora, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 17th instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 24th instant, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 10, 1889. 1124

ENDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Chartered S.S. Moran, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., Ltd., at West Point, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 19th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 26th instant, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, June 12, 1889. 1133

## INSURANCES.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1889. 1340

## To Let.

TO LET.

From 1st July Next.

WESTBROOME VILLAS, NORTH,  
Water and Gas laid on, Garden and  
Tennia-court.

Apply to O. BACHRACH.

Hongkong, June 3, 1889. 1074

## TO LET.

TO LET.

From 1st July Next.

WATERHOUSE VILLAS, NORTH,  
Water and Gas laid on, Garden and  
Tennia-court.

Apply to O. BACHRACH.

Hongkong, June 3, 1889. 1074

## TO LET.

TO LET.

From 1st July Next.

NO. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,  
Furnished or UNFURNISHED,  
Immediate Possession.

Apply to A. B. G.,  
China Mail Office.

Hongkong, March 30, 1889. 602

## TO LET.

TO LET.

From 1st July Next.

OFFICES at No. 16, QUEEN'S ROAD,  
now occupied by the CHINESE INSUR-  
ANCES CO., LIMITED, in Liquidation.

SAML J. GOWER,  
Secretary & Liquidator.

Hongkong, April 24, 1889. 779

## TO LET.

TO LET.

From 1st July Next.

NO. 4, QUEEN'S GARDENS, Rent  
\$90 and taxes.

Apply to G. C. ANDERSON,

13, Praya Central.

Hongkong, May 21, 1889. 147

## TO LET.

(With Immediate Possession.)

NO. 4, QUEEN'S GARDENS, Rent  
\$90 and taxes.

Apply to G. C. ANDERSON,

13, Praya Central.

Hongkong, May 21, 1889. 147

## TO LET.

TO LET.

From 1st July Next.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 2,  
DOUGLAS VILLAS.

Possession from 1st May.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, March 30, 1889. 603

## To Let.

TO LET.

Possession from the 15th July, 1889.

THE FIRST FLOOR of HOUSE No.  
2, BLUE BUILDINGS.

Apply to HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, June 13, 1889. 1148

TO LET AT MACAO.

A comfortable FURNISHED HOUSE TO  
LET for One Month, from the 15th  
Instant.

Address H. B.  
China Mail Office.

6th June, 1889. 1093

NOT Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Officers will be Responsible for  
any Debt contracted by the Officers or  
Crew of the following Ships, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

AGENOR, American ship, Captain J. H.  
Frust.—Russell & Co.

ALEXANDER YEATS, British ship, Captain  
J. W. Dunham.—Order.

HALLOWEY, British ship, Captain Wm.  
Haydon.—Order.

MABEL TAYLOR, British ship, Capt. Chas.  
E. Durkin.—Molchers & Co.

RICHARD PARSONS, Amer. Barque, Capt.  
W. F. Thordroki.—Wieder & Co.

SAISUMA, British barque, Captain A. G.  
Swanson.—Edward Schellbach & Co.

SPINAWAY, British barque, Captain J.  
Garrick.—Siemens & Co.

TITAN, American ship, Capt. C. H. Allyn.  
—Russell & Co.

VELOCITY, British barque, Captain R.  
Martin.—Preston & Co.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 1, CAMERON VILLAS, PRÆ,  
East.

One Specious Five-Roomed HOUSE at  
MOUNT KELLET, Peak. Gas laid on.

From 1st July, 1889.

HOUSE No. 1, BALL'S COURT, Bon-  
ham Road.

Apply to BELLIOS & Co.

Hongkong, June 12, 1889. 1142

TO LET.

INDO-CHINA STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

DISPENSING CHEMISTS.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Co.'s Steamship  
Hestia.

Captain POWELL, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports on MONDAY, the 17th Instant, at  
Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, June 15, 1889. 1154

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN  
STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND  
ADELAIDE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEEN-  
LAND PORTS, and taking through  
Cargo to NEW ZEALAND,  
TASMANIA, &c.)

The Steamship  
Airie,  
Captain Ellis, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports on THURSDAY, the 20th Instant, at  
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
ILLESSELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, June 15, 1889. 1147

EVERY REQUISITE FOR NURSERY  
AND SICK ROOM.

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL  
(opposite HONGKONG HOTEL),  
Telephone No. 60.

Hongkong, June 13, 1889. 1147

KIPPING.

ARTICLES.

June 14, 1889.

Amoy, German steamer, 814, R. Kohler,  
Shanghai June 11, General.—SIEMSEN &  
Co.

June 15:

Fushun, Chinese steamer, from Whampoa.

Clara, German steamer, 674, C. Christen-  
sen, Haiphong June 13, General.—SIEMSEN &  
Co.

Opoak, British steamer, 3,729, J. C.  
Jacobs, Sydney June 12, General.—  
ASHOLD, Klemm & Co.

Pisces, British steamer, 1,743, White-  
head, put back from sea.—ADISON, BELL &  
Co.

DEPARTURES.

June 15.

Gaeic, for Amoy, Japan and San Francisco.

Alvite, for Hoochow and Pakhoi.

Kohilla, for Europe, &c.

Bevally, for Yokohama.

McBeth, for Kobe.

Aquila, for Yokohama.

Nantes Le Havre, for Kobe.

Phu Chiha Chom Kao, for Swatow.

Amoy, for Whampoa.

CLEARED.

Bengal, for Mantung.

Nanking, for Amoy and Manila.

Souchoon, for Hoochow and Pakhoi.

Elae, for Haiphong.

Activa, for Cebu.

Arcoa, for Saigon.

Merionethshire, for Yokohama.

Fregi, for Quinhon.

Changsha, for Sandakan and Sydney.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

For Amoy, from Shanghai, 50 Chinese.

For Clara, from Haiphong, 35 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

For Gaeic, for Amoy, Mr and Mrs Net-  
tleship and infant; for Yokohama, Mr G.

Hongkong, June 15, 1889. 1168

PUBLIC AUCTION  
OF  
LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

G. R. LAMMERT has received instruc-  
tions from the MORTGAGEE, to Sell  
by Public Auction, on

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Government why the information was not communicated to the Chamber as promptly as it was communicated to the Singapore and Penang Chambers of Commerce.

The Postal Convention with France having been denounced, we may come with certainty on the redress of our grievances, for it was on that Convention, rightly or wrongly interpreted, that our local Ordinances were based; and it was only because the French enjoyed such privileges that the German Government claimed them for its mail steamers. The Home authorities certainly deserve credit for the prompt manner in which they responded to the wishes of merchants in Eastern ports; and the Hongkong Chamber may justly take credit for having been the prime mover in the agitation which led the Imperial Government to take this action.

And not a small part in the success, we willingly admit, is due to Governor Des Vœux for the forcible way in which, after the *Caledonien* incident, he backed up the petitions and protests of the Hongkong merchants. The objections to the granting of these exceptional privileges have been so often stated that we need not repeat them.

It was neither reasonable nor politic that foreign merchant vessels competing with British merchant vessels should receive a status not given to our own sail boats in our own harbours. We do not believe either the Messageries Maritimes Company or the North German Lloyd Company will suffer any material loss by the withdrawal of the privilege. The only sufferers will be the class of people who found it convenient to seek shelter on board these boats from the earnest intentions of their creditors.

Is the Chinese clerk who suddenly deserted his desk in the Surveyor General's office the other day bound kindly come forward and explain that he has been playing the game of Figgot, he would confer a great favour on that perturbed department. But as he would, by doing so, place himself in an awkward position, it is more than likely that he will carefully stay away. The reckoning with him would be a pretty stiff one, and it is only natural that he should seek to avoid it. It was bad enough to use the influence of the department to facilitate his debased pleasures, but when he went so far as to write letters with that object in the assumed character of the Colonial Secretary, his impudent villainy attained colossal proportions. Why he should have been allowed to escape in a mystery. The police appeared to be content with the arrest of the coolies who delivered the forged letters, while the suspected writer of them quietly made his preparations for departure. An attempt has been made by the Magistrate to ascertain how these letters came to be marked with the stamp of the Public Works Department, and the failure, so far, to obtain any information on this point is suggestive of the confused condition of that office. The matter is one which has its importance increased by the fact that it is believed this is not the first time the authority of the department has been similarly misused. How many stamps are there within the precincts of the office, and under whose charge are they kept? That was a very simple question, but it has not been sufficient to upset the department. The Surveyor General, after having, as he admitted, inquired into the matter as fully as he could, had to give it up. He knew there were several stamps, but could not say whether everybody in the department had access to them. Then he went on to explain that he had ascertained the existence of two stamps, and thought it probable there might be more; but whether he means only a few more or whether they may be.

That is a difficult leave in Valence.

It is not quite clear. As to where the stamps are kept, no information could be obtained from this source; and, moreover, the Surveyor General very much doubted if any officer of the department would be able to give that information without inquiry. There has already been some inquiry—sufficient to ascertain the existence of two stamps, though not enough to discover where they are kept—and if time is given some further information may be obtained.

But the department must not be hurried. Due notice of every question must be given, and when the process of circumlocution is complete, answers may be expected. One cannot help wondering whether this kind of thing has become so much of a habit in the department that the simplest question cannot be answered in less than a week or two after it is put. If Mr. Brown wishes to inquire after the health, say, of Mr. Cooper, does he give four or five days' notice of the question? The thing is really ludicrous, but unfortunately for the public it has its serious side, too.

The Sheopur *Shingo* remarks that as the demand in Japan for European beverages increases the sorts of liquors which Indians become more numerous in the market—some of good and others of vile quality. This growing preference for the drinks of the West has given scope for the indulgence in sharp practice and fraud, and such means as these have been resorted to somewhat widely by that class of Japanese prone to cheating. The used "Stock Beer" bottles have been re-filled with impure liquid, and retailed at the genuine "hut brown" to such an extent that the representatives in Japan of the brewer of Stock Beer has been obliged to bring the matter to the notice of the government. The latter are being communicated and circulated by the dishonest people who consent together to stop where they have not sown the damage the reputation of others.

### TELEGRAMS

[SUPPLIED TO THE CHINA MAIL]

(Via Southern Line.)

NEWS FROM MR STANLEY.

LONDON, 12th June.

Letters from Mr. Stanley, dated Victoria Nyanza, 2nd December, state that he has rejoined Emin Pasha.

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND THE BOUÉGANISTS.

A stormy discussion has taken place in the Chamber of Deputies, the Bouéganists in voting against the arrests. M. Quesant, in reply, asserted that the Government would not tolerate such factious agitation any longer.

(Hans Telegrams.)

THE CHOLERA ON BOARD THE CALEDONIEN.

Colombo, 6th June.

Only two deaths from cholera occurred on board the *Caledonien*—the Governor-General on the 31st May, and a Chinaman on the 2nd June. Since then the health of Board has been good. The body of M. Richard was buried at sea.

PRESIDENT GARNOT.

Paris, 6th June.

The President of the Republic has returned to Paris.

(From Singapore papers.)

THE SUEZ CANAL.

London, June 15.—The report of the Suez Canal Company shows a profit of thirty-six millions of francs.

[These figures show an available dividend of 90 francs per share, the Capital of the Company being made up of four hundred thousand 500 franc shares. The dividends from 1885 have been respectively 85.40, 76.32, and 78.22 per share.]

MR GLADSTONE ON A POLITICAL TOUR.

London, June 6.—Mr Gladstone is on a political tour through the Western Counties.

At Southampton, where he was received with an ovation, he said that from the results of the bye-elections he predicted that at the next General Election his party will gain one hundred seats.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PAILED SUEZ CANAL.

NORTH BOUND—Desirables, April 12; Lennox, Unwin, 26; Oldbrough, May 17; Fempta, Ghazie, 24; *In d'anne*, Glenavon, Larsets, Luckie, 28; *of Lorne*, Glanmear, Iphigenia, June 4.

HEMWAIR BOUND—Highfield, May 10;

Mesopotamia, 14; Tien, 24; Lydia,

Ningchow, 28; Beyers, Pandora, Han

khan, Fulton, 31; Frascaty, July 4.

The O. & S. S. Co.'s steamer *Belpis*, with the AMERICAN MAIL of May 23rd, left Yokohama on Wednesday, June 12th, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 17th June.

The *S. Djemah*, with the FRENCH MAIL of May 18th, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 11th June, at 8 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 18th June.

The O. & S. S. Co.'s steamship *Desolation*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 13th June, and may be expected here on or about the 18th June.

The O. & S. S. Co.'s steamship *Takao*, from Bombay, left Singapore for this port on the 13th June, and may be expected here on or about the 18th June.

The O. & S. S. Co.'s steamship *Desolation*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 13th June, and may be expected here on or about the 18th June.

The O. & S. S. Co.'s steamship *Electra*, from Trieste, left Singapore for this port on June 13th, and may be expected here on or about the 19th June.

ORDER OF CHORAL SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL—THURSDAY SUNDAY.

Matins—Veni, Kompton; Psalms, Weldon; Rimbault; Grotch; Te Deum, Goss; In A, No. 92; Jubilate, Elvey; Anthem, Like as the Hart; No. 24; Kyrie, Missa de Angelis; Hymn, 160.

Evensong—Psalms, Turle, Cooke, Heywood & Hopkins; Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis, Hymn in F, No. 139; Hymns, 161 & 168.

The *New York Sun*, of 18th May says—

One of the most interesting bits of gossip of the week is the report which became current yesterday that James Gordon Bennett is on his way to Khartoum, and that possibly he has already reached the terrible presence of the Madhi himself.

Such information as Bennett tendered at the recent meeting of the Royal Society, in connection with the purchase of copper, were, according to some, due to false reports by subordinates who disliked him. Our contemporary contradicts the rumour that the ex-Minister had poisoned himself, but reports that in consequence of the charges he has been reduced three grades in rank. He has the sympathy of the Chinese residents in Japan and still retains their respect. Believing in his innocence they have addressed a petition to the Viceroy asking for the restoration of Mr. Hsu's rank.—*Japan Gazette*.

Divine Service for Seamen.—On Sunday morning, between 9 and 10.30 o'clock, the steam launch carrying the Bethel band will call alongside any vessel hoisting code-pennant C, to convey men ashore to 11 a.m. services at St. Peter's Seamen's Church, returning about 12.30.

Two cases of suicide by swallowing opium were reported to the police to-day. The victims of the drug in both instances were women and belonged to the large and miserable class of domestic slaves among the Chinese known as concubines, a class in which suicide is very common.

A boy which was picked out of the harbour this morning, by some men belonging to H.M.S. *Wounder*, proved to be that of a boy named Louis Jute, a native of Mauritius, who was one of the crew of the British ship *Spreeaway*. He fell into the harbour while engaged in scraping the sides of the ship on the morning of the 13th inst., and although he was seen in a warm debate in Paris over the Egyptian attitude, Bennett had made a big wager that he could personally make the journey to Mauritius and back unharmed.

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## MR. GLADSTONE DINES WITH "PUNCH."

London, May 11.—Mr. Gladstone's dinner with Punch's staff is still the talk of London, political society being much tickled at the notion of a grave statesman sitting down to meat with the merry merry men of Mr. Punch's family. The dinner was given at the house of Henry Lucy Toby, member of Parliament. John Teniel, the veteran cartoonist, who has drawn Mr. Gladstone hundreds of times through his various phases of political life, was of course there, and sat next to Mr. Gladstone, who enjoyed the company. So did Du Maurier, the creator of Posthumous and the darling of London society. Ernest C. Barnard, the cheery editor of *Punch*, was to the fore. Linley Sambourne, the graceful delineator of fancy portraits and pictures, was another guest. Still another was Harry Furniss, the illustrator of "The Diary of Toby, M.P."

Of outsiders, there were Earl Granville, the leader of the opposition in the House of Lords and many times Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; Lord Charles Beresford of Cowdray fame, and a thorn in the side of his late colleagues in the Admiralty; David Plunkett, her Majesty's Commissioners of Works, most brilliant of orators and most popular of men in the House of Commons, and J. R. Robinson, who created the *Daily News*, and who after, though many years managing its commercial affairs, undertook the editorship on the resignation of Mr. Lucas.

I have had an opportunity of talking with some of the guests and have picked up a few crumbs that fell from the table which Mr. Gladstone, said, "I find that the Punch men are chiefly possessed with that feeling of surprise at the grand old man's amazing physical and mental virility which strikes every observer of him. In public life the only casual indications that he has entered his eightieth year are an increasing deafness and a slight huskiness in his voice which wears off as he talks, and he talks with abounding freshness, though, as some one observed, he is also a most attractive listener. One notable thing about his personal appearance is the brightness of his

eyes. They are fuller and more undulated than those of many a man under 50."

Mr. Gladstone was dowered with a magnificent constitution, but all his life he has taken great care of it. Of Mr. Bright, he spoke regretfully of the carelessness with which his old friend dealt with himself.

"Bright," he said, emphatically, "did nothing he should do to preserve his health, and everything he should not. If he had only been wise, and wise in time, there was no reason why he should not have been alive to-day, hale and strong; but he never would listen to advice about himself."

Mr. Gladstone told a funny little story about Mr. Bright's habits on this score. Until the last ten years he had no recognized private toilet. There was a room which was anonymous and unknown to whom he went for advice, and of whom he spoke occasionally; "but," said Mr. Gladstone, "with that curious proclivity to a wink that sometimes varies his grave aspect, 'he would never tell his name or say where he lived.' About ten years ago Mr. Bright surprised Sir Andrew Clark by appearing in his consulting-room. Sir Andrew, who knew all about his peculiarities in this matter, asked him how it was he came to see him. 'Oh,' said Mr. Bright, 'it's Gladstone. He never will let me rest.' The long neglect had accomplished its work, but Mr. Bright acknowledged the immoneriments received, and nothing more was heard of that anonymous doctor.

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have got up in the morning; I hate it the same every morning, but one can do everything by habit; and when I have had my seven hours' sleep my habit is to get up."

Gladstone evidently enjoyed the company in which he found himself, and was in bounding spirits. Nothing was more surprising than the range of his topics, unless it were the completeness of his information upon them. Homer very easily came under review, and for ten minutes he talked about him with a brightening eye and the deep rich tones of voice used only when he is moved. One thing he said about Homer that struck us now the company clustered around him was that he evidently did not like Homer, an opinion with which we were anonymous and unknown to whom he went for advice, and of whom he spoke occasionally; "but," said Mr. Gladstone, "with that curious proclivity to a wink that sometimes varies his grave aspect, 'he would never tell his name or say where he lived.' About ten years ago Mr. Bright surprised Sir Andrew Clark by appearing in his consulting-room. Sir Andrew, who knew all about his peculiarities in this matter, asked him how it was he came to see him. 'Oh,' said Mr. Bright, 'it's Gladstone. He never will let me rest.' The long neglect had accomplished its work, but Mr. Bright acknowledged the immoneriments received, and nothing more was heard of that anonymous doctor.

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was going about with something now sunk into oblivion, by the application of which in connection with electricity, he estimated a man's character as a phonologist does by feeling his bump. There were faculties, he told me, in which I was lacking," said Mr. Gladstone. "One of them was that I had no memory for faces, and I am sorry to say it is quite true."

What the other looking gifts were Mr. Gladstone did not say, but this forgetfulness of faces he evidently deeply deplored, probably recognizing in it the occasion of some misunderstanding. Mr. Gladstone talked a good deal about the House of Commons in the old days, lapsing into that charming tone of reminiscence which on rare occasions, on quiet Tuesday evenings or Friday nights, delighted the House of Commons. One sees it in Mr. Gladstone's dialloge for a goddess unusually fascinating to mankind, lovers of pictures and artists.

He discussed the matter with special reference to the picture-shows now open in London. He said that he always liked to go around a picture gallery with an artist. "Artist," he said, "in looking at a picture, always see it in less to criticize and more to admire than is possible to ordinary people. An artist sees more in a man's face than you or I."

Thirty-five times Mr. Gladstone has had his portrait painted. He had, he said, the good fortune to have fallen into the hands of a great artist, who made only the minimum of demand upon his time. In his individual case five hours suffice Millais for a sitting for the most elaborate portrait, and this time is given by Mr. Gladstone with real pleasure.

Is Millais, then, a charming companion when at war? I asked one naked.

"Yes," said Mr. Gladstone, "but not because he is ugly. To see him at work is a delight for the way he touches his heart and puts into it."

Mr. Gladstone's memory is amazing, particularly for events that took place half a century ago. Oddly enough, where his memory has always failed him is in the matter of faces. This gift, precious to princes, has been withheld from him. He

never had a picture taken of him, and probably the bust upon which the episode was founded. Lord Granville, deprecating shock his head, and to Mr. Gladstone's undisguised amazement, could not remember what took place in the House of Commons on a particular night forty-eight years ago. But to Mr. Gladstone the scene was as present as if it had happened at the morning sitting of the House he had just left.

The question was one on which party passion ran high, and the forces were so evenly divided that every vote was of the greatest consequence. The whips of those days, somehow or other, he observed parenthetically, "seemed to know better than they do now how a division would go." It was known that there would be, one way or another, a majority of one. There was a member of the Conservative side absent at death's door. "He was dead," Mr. Gladstone added, "except that he had just a little breath left in him. The question was could he be brought to the House? The whip said 'no man and no woman' He came in a bath chair, and I never forgot the look in his face. His

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